

Question on Notice

No. 1206

Asked on 15 September 2009

Dr Flegg asked the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Wilson) —

QUESTION:

What is the combined expenditure by the State and Federal Governments for the last financial year and the year to date (listed separately) on the promise to create 148,000 training places?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for his question and his interest in the Queensland Government's commitment to addressing skills shortages across the State.

Under the terms of the program agreement with the Australian Government which commenced on 1 January 2009 the acquittal of funding is based on course enrolments.

The revenue earned from the Commonwealth and the level of State contribution will be reconciled on the basis of the additional training places achieved in Queensland at the end of each calendar year, calculated in aggregate across all public funding sources.

As a result, expenditure under the agreement cannot be estimated on a financial year basis.

Based on these arrangements, the estimated additional training places created as at 31 August 2009 would represent a contribution of approximately \$3.25 million in State expenditure, earn approximately \$8.42 million in Commonwealth revenue and secure contributions from industry of at least a further \$0.81 million.